

# WHAT'S ON

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**Square Chapel Arts Centre** is a multi-arts centre nestled in the heart of Halifax. At Square Chapel, we believe in magic; the magic that is created when people, ideas, creativity, expression, conversation, and stories come together. As an organisation, we are deeply rooted in creating, producing, and programming work with the community. Everything in our programme should support our commitment to being a venue that is truly representative of the community we serve and informed by the strong dialogue we seek to develop with our actual and potential audiences – the programme should reflect what is important to them and what they want to see. We are a relaxed, open space, fit with a café & bar serving award winning Seven Bro7hers beers on draught, cask ales, a wide range of spirits and non-alcoholic options too!

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The best start to 2023 is here. Check out our upcoming events in January and a little peak at whats to come. Tickets for all events featured in this guide are available now at [www.squarechapel.co.uk](http://www.squarechapel.co.uk).  
*Please note times listed are door times.*

New events are added every week so be sure to take a look, you can also sign up to our weekly newsletter and discover the latest things happening here at Square Chapel right from your inbox.

**We can't wait to see you!**

Best Wishes

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Welcome





**6th January**

## **Detroit Live: Motown Show**

**7:30pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

**Detroit Live** are here to perform the **greatest hits from the sensational Motown catalogue**. After performing similar shows in theatres throughout the UK, the Musicians and Vocalists decided to collaborate and bring you a celebration of this fantastic genre. A fully live 8 piece band including three incredible singers, the group makes Motown music rock and aims to take you back to the great days of the old "Motorcity" with artists like: The Supremes, Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Elgins, The Temptations, The Four Tops and many more.

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**12th January**

## **Shakespeare's Fool**

**7:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

Will 'Cavaliero' Kempe was one of the finest performers of the Elizabethan age.

Gentleman player, juggling jester, headmaster of Morris dancers and London's finest clown, until...he fell out with Will 'git face' Shakespeare.

Kempe died alone and poverty stricken, not very far from the original Globe Theatre, of which he was an original shareholder and faded into obscurity. A world away from his former life having supposedly originated some of literature's best-known characters, including Bottom, Dogberry, and Falstaff.

Join Cavaliero Kempe as he gives his final performance to an audience of a mouse and a marrote, and tells us what really happened between him and William Shakespeare. A bittersweet tale, told by an idiot.

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**8th January**

## **Orchestra of Square Chapel: New Year Viennese Gala Concert**

**2:30pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

Following in the long tradition of New Year concerts given by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestra of Square Chapel present waltzes, polkas and marches from the Strauss family and their contemporaries. Featuring arias from soprano Kathy Macaulay and conducted by Katherine Stonham. The perfect way to start your New Year!

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**13th January**

## Halifax Philharmonic Club Presents: Castalian String Quartet

**7:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

Formed in 2011, the quartet studied with Oliver Wille at the Hochschule für Musik, Hannover, before being selected by the Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT) in 2016. They were awarded First Prize at the 2015 Lyon International Chamber Music Competition and in 2018 were recipients of the inaugural Merito String Quartet Award and Valentin Erben Prize, and a prestigious Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship. The ensemble was named Young Artist of the Year at the 2019 Royal Philharmonic Society Awards.

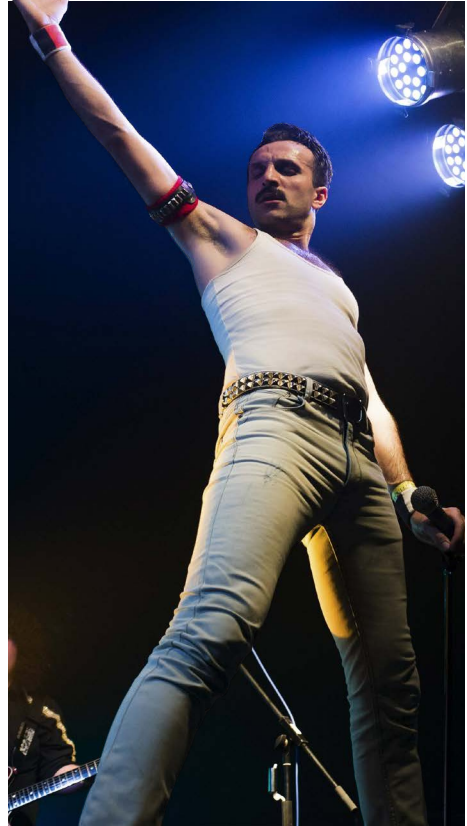


**14th January**

## Ed Cosens

**7:30pm | Copper Auditorium**

Ed Cosens brings his beautiful heartfelt songs and vocals to the fabulous Square Chapel Copper auditorium. Performing a stripped back acoustic and very intimate show, Ed – who is best known for his work with Sheffield band **Reverend and the Makers** – will be performing songs from his critically acclaimed debut album 'Fortune Favours' as well as new songs from his forthcoming record. Definitely one not to be missed.



**14th January**

## Flash: A Tribute to Queen

**7:30pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

By popular demand Flash: A Tribute To Queen visit Square Chapel with their incredible show that sets the standard for the entire tribute scene.

Since the band catapulted to mega-stardom, Queen have been one of the biggest, most successful, widest known most loved and critically acclaimed bands on the planet over the last 4 decades.

Flash bring you the sound, energy and aesthetic of the original band. You will enjoy **OUTSTANDING** renditions of 'Under Pressure' 'We Will Rock You' 'Somebody To Love' 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and many, many, many more. The band are a spectacular homage and you will not be disappointed.



**15th January**

## **Flotsam & Jetsam**

**1:30pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

Flotsam floats, Jetsam sinks – Both their worlds are on the brinks, The jagged arcs of waves and sharks – Chase them both in minds and hearts.

They must break through their tears and fears – And worries of a thousand years, To find what's true and out of the blue – Discover the other and a friend that's new.

Flotsam is soft, flexible, laid back. She slides and glides through life on the ice. Jetsam is the opposite, his insectile body is stiff and nervy, alert and watchful, suspicious of all in his forest home.

And then comes the weather... and they are both cast adrift in a world that is strange to them and full of a range of dangers. Finally washed up on the same island beach they must discover the other and work out how they can work together.

A hopeful, adventure story about two very different creatures that must learn to work together. Visual theatre with original music and delightful puppetry.

**19th January**

## **Looking For Me Friend**

**7:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium**

A funny and touching tribute to this much loved and sorely missed national treasure. Written and performed by BBC1's All Together Now star, Paulus, ('King of Cabaret', The Stage) this brand-new show sees him in a fresh light as a lifelong fan and devotee of the Queen of Comedy. Celebrate her unforgettable characters, songs and sketches and the power of friendships forged through laughter.

From Mrs. Overall to Barry & Freda, everyone is there. The only thing that's missing is you. Directed by Sarah-Louise Young (An Evening Without Kate Bush) and with Michael Roulston (Fascinating Aida) on the piano.

'If you are a fan of Wood, or simply feel the need for some uplifting, live entertainment, then this is a must see (4 Stars)' Musical Theatre Review.



## The Style Councillors

'KEEPS ON BURNING' TOUR



21st January

### The Style Councillors

7:30pm | Red Brick Auditorium

The Style Council epitomised Paul Weller's transition from out-and-out mod, punk, angst frontman into the further considered and utterly accomplished songwriter we saw with The Style Council. As far as homage to anicon goes, The Style Councillors are simply immense. As the world's one and only tribute to The Style Council. Formed in 2013 by Darren Fletcher (Paul Weller) and Steve Hayes (Mick Talbot), The Style Councillors have quickly built a loyal fanbase for the group which was Paul Weller's home for the majority of the 1980's and where he wrote some of his finest songs. Dani Clay (Dee C. Lee) and Craig Read (Steve White) are joined by the Bad Manners Horn Section and a stellar line up of musicians hell-bent on recreating the sound of The Style Council.



26th January

### Jekyll & Hyde

7:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium

In a new and enthralling one-man stage adaptation of the classic tale of terror, acclaimed actor Jonathan Goodwin plays both Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde. Journey with us to Victorian London, and experience the unbridled horror of this perennial favourite. The City is paralyzed with fear when the repugnant and wicked Mr Hyde embarks upon his criminal spree. But what is his shocking secret, and what possible connection can he have with the dour and respectable Dr Jekyll?



29th January

### Jack & the Beanstalk

2:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium

This classic fairy-tale now gets the Lyngo treatment so expect lots of surprises, a gripping story and beautiful images as Jack sells his cow for 5 magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds. It's a show for the over 3's (and their giants) with something for everyone – enormous shoes, tiny houses, showers of silver and gold and a big, leafy explosion!



1st February

### The Unthanks

7:00pm | Red Brick Auditorium

The Unthanks return to live touring after two years off the road, showcasing forthcoming new album, Sorrows Away, alongside favourites such as Magpie, The King Of Rome and Mount The Air. Since the release of BBC Folk Album of the Year, Mount The Air in 2015, The Unthanks have both scaled up to symphonic levels with Charles Hazelwood and the BBC Proms, and stripped down to the unaccompanied singing they grew up with, for Diversions Vol 5. They've written six scarecrow soundtracks for Mackenzie Crook's beautiful adaptation of *Worzel Gummidge*, while finding time to interpret the work of female writers including Emily Bronte, Molly Drake and Maxine Peake.

# Support your local musicians

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**Friday Night Live is here!** FNL is an exciting platform for emerging and local musicians to showcase their talents. A great opportunity for you to enjoy new music and support your local grassroots artists.

## Want to perform?

Apply for a chance to take to the Copper Auditorium stage.

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## Tickets

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\*Excluding booking fees

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# News

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## Square Chapel receives critical arts funding from Arts Council England's 2023-26 Investment Programme

We are thrilled to announce that Square Chapel has successfully secured funding from Arts Council England's 2023-26 Investment Round, and will be joining the National Portfolio of Organisations from April 2023.

Arts Council England's National Portfolio of Organisations [NPOs] includes hundreds of creative and cultural organisations across the country. Each one receives three years of investment to ensure that people and communities everywhere can benefit from access to creativity and culture in line with their 2020-30 strategy, "Let's Create".

Square Chapel will receive a total investment of **£477,000 (£159,000 per year)** to continue collaborating with the community to deliver a wide range of creative and cultural activities across Halifax and Calderdale.

### This investment will enable us to:

- Develop our venue into a 'Relaxed Venue' – one which specifically supports disabled and neurodiverse people to access and enjoy a full range of cultural opportunities;
- Support and develop non-venue based cultural organisations within the borough with space, resources and advice to sustain their creative practice;
- Bring a bigger range of creative, arts and cultural events to Halifax through a varied and exciting public programme;
- Become a key delivery partner of cultural and creative activities for the borough as part of Calderdale's Year of Culture 2024.

"Having saved Square Chapel from administration during a worldwide pandemic, this investment gives us the stability we need to rebuild over the next three years. As well as a commitment to increasing access to the arts, we'll develop local people and talent to lead and shape the creative and cultural programme we run. As a result, Square Chapel will be a relevant, community-focused creative hub for the people of Calderdale and beyond, long into the future."

– **David Jenkins**, Managing Director, Square Chapel

## Square Chapel Celebrates 250 Years



Square Chapel celebrated its 250th anniversary on 3rd December, to mark 250 years since the original building was constructed, 30 years since it received Arts Centre status and one year since officially reopening to the public. It was a chance for people to reminisce but to also get a look and say into the future of Square Chapel since it recently secured funding from Arts Council England's 2023-26 Investment Round and joins the National Portfolio of Organisations from April 2023.

Square Chapel invited the local community of Halifax to their 250th Birthday party in the Atrium Bar, with celebrations throughout the day including various local performances and culminating in live DJ sets. Attendees also got a little taste of what's to come in 2023 with the well received complimentary food samples by Mel, of Bam Bam's Vegan Kitchen, giving the opportunity to play an integral part in the development of our exciting new menu, launching in early 2023.

Local Historian, David Glover, returned with a commemorative presentation, revisiting Square Chapel's compelling history. The lecture took a historical dive into Square Chapel's past and present, from the era of Titus Knight (1719-1793) all the way to the 21st Century expansion. In addition to that, a tombstone tour took place with attendees taking a 30-minute graveyard stroll to visit iconic figureheads with the aim to explore the stories of some of those named on the stones such as the Bradleys engineers, the Kershaws, the early Crossleys, the Glendinings, Thomas Rawlinson and the last Tristram.

The evening's event was a toast to the arts, with a Celebration Concert in the Red Brick Theatre. The line-up featured a variety of 9 local talents, rich in talent and diversity and all of which have a special connection to the venue. The Entertainment delighted audiences throughout the evening, with a charming mix of musical styles, genres, and culture with a nod to Jazz, melodies from Indian Classical music to pop, and metal.



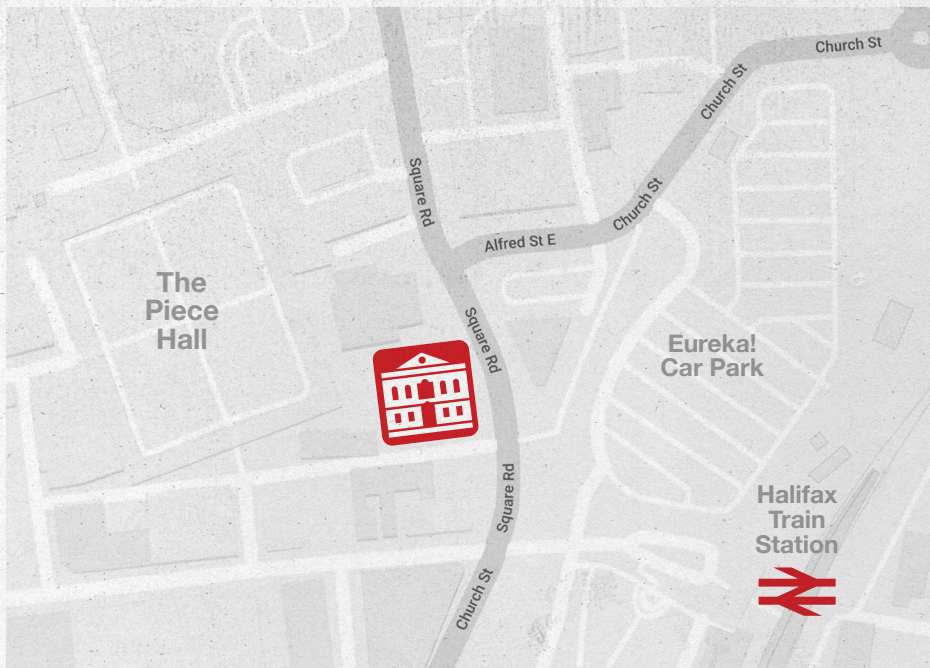
Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Halifax, West Yorkshire Amy-Rose Atkinson took to the stage as performer and compère for the evening. Despite losing her hearing, Amy-Rose's love of blues, roots and jazz prevails, and she counts herself incredibly lucky to be backed and supported by three world class musicians. Amy was joined by Deaf musician Sean Chandler, a professional trumpet player with whom she works alongside with at Music and The Deaf - providing opportunities for deaf children to gain experience in making music.

"It's so important to have a platform for musicians from all walks of life with varying degrees of disability and Square Chapel are providing that platform, promoting inclusivity and accessibility in the arts and that is invaluable."

- **Amy-Rose Atkinson** Singer-Songwriter

**Did you attend?** We've had some lovely feedback and support from everyone involved, if you'd like to share your experience and/or photos with us please email us at [info@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:info@squarechapel.co.uk)

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## Tickets

**Quaytickets** is our Box Office provider.  
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## Opening times:

**Mon & Tues: 4pm-11pm**  
**Wed - Sat: 12pm-11pm**  
**Sun: 12pm-9pm**

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